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Columbia BikeAbout

Columbia Association's annual BikeAbout will take place this Saturday, September 29, with riders setting off from Oakland Mills Village Center. The free, fun and informative tour presents Columbia's history and showcases the connectivity of its pathway system.

[Preregistration](#) is not required but is encouraged. Columbia BikeAbout will begin at 9:30 a.m., with riders able to start up until 10:00 a.m. They are expected to complete the ride by 1:00 p.m.

This year's Columbia BikeAbout has a theme of "Ride the Vision," with interpretive signs featuring quotes from Columbia's founder, James Rouse, from his papers held at Columbia Archives. Riders are encouraged to stop at sites along the way to discover the history of Wilde Lake Rock, check out the interesting poster trees at Lake Kittamaqundi, and get a firsthand view of the original village/neighborhood concept and land purchases Columbia was built upon.

Discover Downtown Columbia 5K

The 5th Annual [Discover Downtown Columbia 5K](#) has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 7, at 9:00 a.m. This year's race features a loop trail that begins and ends at the People Tree. Participants will cross the stage at Merriweather Post Pavilion. Prizes will be awarded. A live band and complimentary post-race beer and other refreshments await runners at the finish. Hysteria Brewing Company is the official beer sponsor for this year's race.

Greetings

This week, we share a few events that might be fun, giving you an opportunity to serve the community or learn something new. Enjoy!

Maury Kay

MDOT VMA Renovation Closures

To improve quality of services and enhance customer services, MDOT MVA Branch Offices and Vehicle Emissions Stations will be closed on Saturday, September 29 for renovation. The online store and kiosks will also be unavailable from 11:45 p.m. on Friday, September 28 until Saturday, September 29 at 12:00 p.m.

The Branch Offices and Vehicle Emissions Stations will also be closed on Saturday, October 6 and Monday, October 8 due to the Columbus Day holiday. Branches and stations will reopen the following day.

Hops & Harvest Festival



Enjoy local brews, delicious food, live music, and more this Saturday, September 29 at the Columbia Lakefront. What better way to celebrate the harvest season than by tasting local brews with friends and family. There are two sessions available: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit the [event website](#).

Patio to Patio Cocktail Crawl

The 'Patio to Patio' Cocktail Crawl will take place on Thursday, October 4, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on The Plaza at The Mall in Columbia. Drop by after work for nibbles, sips, and mingles, enjoying a sampling of cocktails and bites from Main Event Entertainment, Seasons 52, Urban Plates, and The Walrus Oyster & Ale House. Those interested can purchase their tickets through [Event-brite](#).

Holiday Giving

HopeWorks activates their Adopt-a-Family project for Thanksgiving and December as a way for their clients to seek help during the holiday season in the form of gifts, food donations, etc. Interested community members are 'matched' with a family and are provided with information such as family size, gender of family members, and gift wish lists.

It may seem a little early to consider, but by having donors sign up early, HopeWorks can ensure that everyone's holiday season is special. Please [submit donor registration](#) form to HopeWorks by October 12.

Wilde Halloween

Kick off the Halloween season on Friday, October 12, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. Have some fun in the moon bounce on the Village green, then enjoy a magic show by Drew Blue Shoes in Slayton House Theater, followed by trick or treating in the Wilde Lake Village Center. For more information, visit Wilde Lake village's [website](#).

Beethoven's Eroica

Don't miss the Columbia Orchestra's first concert of the season, Beethoven's Eroica, on October 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Jim Rouse Theater. In addition to Beethoven's heroic symphony, the program includes Brahms's Academic Festival Overture and Lutoslawski's The Spaces of Sleep. Visit this [website](#) for more information and to purchase your tickets.

HoCo Pride: Tea Time



Enjoy a quiet fall afternoon with HoCo Pride on Saturday, October 20, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at River Hill High School. Family, friends and community members will meet for tea and conversation in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. Tea, small bites, and facilitated conversations is provided. There will be poetry and spoken word presentations from queer artists, and a raffle for those who like prizes. This event is open to all. For more information and to purchase your tickets, please visit the [event listing](#).

Babes in Backpacks

This [program](#) provides even the tiniest visitors the chance to become familiar with the sights, sounds, and smells of the great outdoors at Robinson Nature Center. On October 6, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. participants can enjoy a short guided walk on unpaved trails (requires infants to be carried in a baby backpack or carrier) and encourage your child's sensory exploration at a young age!

Autism Walk & 5K

Each fall the Howard County Autism Society's One Step Closer Walk & 5K Run builds autism awareness and acceptance in the community, bringing together those touched by autism and the greater community in a supportive, energizing and fun environment. It features a timed 5K run around Centennial Lake, a "Lake Walk" of the same distance, and a shorter three-quarter mile "Amazing Racers" course for those needing 1:1 assistance.

There will be children's activities, including face painting, Star Wars costumed performers, a moon bounce and other inflatable games. All proceeds stay in Howard County and directly impact the lives of children and adults with autism. [Online registration](#) closes on October 3 at noon.

Fall Festival

It's harvest time: ideal for the annual, old fashioned [Fall Festival at the Conservancy](#)! On October 7, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. participants can watch blacksmiths hammering iron in their shop, listen to blue grass music and explore the historic three-century-old farm. Visit the pygmy goats, the chickens, Onyx the snake, and Ranger the barred owl, and many visiting farm animals. There are children's crafts and pumpkin decorating. Browse the craftsmen's stations to admire wool-spinning, woodturning, gourd decorating, and more.

Mini Maker Faire

The [Maker Faire](#) is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects. It's the greatest Show and Tell on Earth and it's happening at the Chrysalis on Sunday, October 7.

Savage Mill Ghost Tours

This fall, schedule a ghost tour at Historic Savage Mill. Discover the Mill's haunted history, where restless spirits continue to roam the halls! There are limited spots per tour, so make sure to schedule ahead of time. Tours begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. at the Say Cheezz Grille, located in the New Weave Building. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit this [website](#).

50+ EXPO

Back for its 20th consecutive year, the 2018 50+EXPO will take place on Friday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake High School. The expo features 170 vendors and exhibitors of interest to older adults age 50 and over, their families, caregivers and friends. Admission is \$1.00 for everyone age 18 and up. There will be seminars about planning for a healthy future in Howard County, a special presentation by AARP, plus an onsite health fair with free screenings and free flu shot vaccines.

Attendees are asked to make a \$5 donation for show tickets; all proceeds benefit the Vivian Reid Community Fund, which provides emergency financial assistance to older adults in Howard County.

Who Dunit Day

There's a mystery that needs to be solved at the Maryland Science Center on October 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.! Learn all about forensics as you investigate a spooky crime scene and search for hidden clues that will have you hot on the trail of the sneaky candy thief. Compare suspect alibis, analyze fingerprints, inspect blood types, and examine fibers. Then when you've put two and two together, solve the crime and reveal who you think has "dunit!"

For more information on this event, visit Maryland Science Center's [website](#).

Halloween Among The Trees



Enjoy a self-guided trick-or-treating adventure through the Robinson Nature Center exhibits or through the wooded trails where nature's "tricks" are revealed on October 20, 1:00 -

4:00 p.m. Delight in Halloween music, crafts, and collect healthy treats provided by MOM's Organic Market and David's Natural Market. [Halloween Among the Trees](#) sells out fast, get your tickets now!

Party Under the Harvest Moon

As the Inner Arbor Trust's 2018 season draws to a close, it's time to celebrate! Party with family and friends on the Chrysalis Stage and celebrate innovation on the horizon as attendees get a preview the Downtown Columbia Mini Maker Faire. This event will take place on Thursday, October 4, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Symphony Woods. Be a part of the fun by [purchasing your tickets](#) today.



Upcoming Events & Reminders

Canellakis-Brown Duo

Sunday, September 30 • 3:00 p.m.

Smith Theater, HCC

Cellist Nicholas Canellakis and pianist-composer Michael Brown have been captivating audiences with inspired performances that combine masterpieces from the standard repertoire with original compositions and arrangements. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [Candlelight's website](#).

"Who's on First?" Concert

Friday, October 12 • 7:30 p.m.

Parish Social Hall, St. Louis Church

This fun, family friendly concert features jazz, swing and Broadway favorites plus classic baseball comedy skit by Friends of the St. Louis Music Ministry. Visit St. Louis Church's [website](#) for more details on the upcoming season.

OPUS

Saturday, October 13 • 4:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Merriweather Post Pavilion

Enter the Kaleidoscope this October at the second OPUS event; a surreal and unique Merriweather experience. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit the [event page](#).

Harvest at the Hill

Saturday, October 20 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Manor Hill Farm

Celebrate the harvest season with local brews, delicious food, live music, and farm tours. For more information and to purchase tickets, follow this [link](#).

HoCoPoLitSo's Ordinary Wonder

Friday, October 26 • 7:30 p.m.

Monteabara Hall, HCC

Join acclaimed poets Michael Collier, Elizabeth Spire, and David Yezzi as they hold up the ordinary world to the light of poetry and examine everyday mysteries, both beautiful and horrible. Visit the [event listing](#) for more information and to register.



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